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SUBJECT: MODE - COAST GUARD REQUEST TO ASSIGN INSPECTOR IN JAPAN

1. LETTER FROM COAST GUARD HEADQUARTERS REQUEST AUTHORITY TO ASSIGN A COAST GUARD INSPECTOR TO HIROSHIMA FOR APPROXIMATELY TWO YEARS TO PERFORM NECESSARY INSPECTION WORK. REQUEST ARISES BECAUSES OF AN EXXON/MITSUBISHI CONTRACT FOR MITSUBISHI TO CONSTRUCT A SEMI-SUBMERSIBLE DRILLING RIG WHICH WILL COMPLY WITH UNITED STATES LAWS GOVERNING MARINE INSPECTION AND THE SAFETY REGULATIONS ADMINISTERED BY THE U.S. COAST GUARD AS A CONDITION OF THE CONTRACT.

2. LETTER EXPLAINS QUOTE THE LAWS GOVERNING MARINE INSPECTION (TITLE 52 OF THE REVISED STATUTES) AND OTHER MORE RECENT ACTS OF CONGRESS PLACE THE U.S. COAST GUARD AS THE PRIMARY FEDERAL AGENCY CONCERNED WITH THE SAFETY OF U.S. VESSELS. IN ORDER TO PROVIDE AN ACCEPTABLE LEVEL OF APPLICATION OF U.S. SAFETY REGULATIONS AS THEY RELATE TO VESSELS

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UNDER CONSTRUCTION FOR OPERATION UNDER U.S. FLAG, IT IS

ESSENTIAL THAT A COAST GUARD INSPECTOR BE IN ATTENDANCE AT THE SHIPYARD END QUOTE.

3. PROPOSAL IS TO ASSIGN INSPECTOR TO THE STAFF OF THE COAST GUARD FAR EAST SECTION COMMAND, TOKYO, WITH SPECIFIC DUTIES RELATED SOLELY TO INSPECTION OF U.S. VESSELS. POSITION CAN BE ESTABLISHED WITHIN EXISTING MODE CEILING FOR COAST GUARD. NO ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT BY THE EMBASSY WILL BE REQUIRED.

4. ACTION REQUESTED. WOULD APPRECIATE COM COMMENTS CONCERNING COAST GUARD REQUEST. KISSINGER

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